

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 11-12-2013

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 11/20/2013 - 5:19pm.

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November 12, 2013

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman Chairman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - Tax Map # 130 Lot # 15 - J & S Cordwood - Route 123 North - Cold Residential storage - approved.

Tax Map # 415 Lot # 12 - Kevin Winship - Center Pond - reported that he would acquire a road waiver, which must be taken to the Planning Board for their information. His Outhouse must be brought into compliance with State standards by July 15, 2014. At that time, Dr. Englund, Health Officer, will inspect to verify that compliance. Mr. Winship has been supplied with the specifications from State law.

Tax Map # 133 Lot # 18 - Robert & Christine McLaughlin- Treelyn Road - Harry discovered extensive construction without a building permit. Harry has sent a letter (copy supplied for the record) advising them to apply for a building permit and that there is a \$275/day fine (adopted 10/01/2012 by the Selectmen) that can be levied for not having that building permit. He suggested that they get a building permit form off the Town's website and submit it to him for consideration. He also required that they document any conversation they have

with the State concerning a possible Shoreland Permit requirement.

Tax Map # 415 Lot # 5 - Gordon Jennison - Old Antrim Road - Harry made a visit to the property and discovered that the court ordered septic system is not installed, even though the deadline was September, 2013. Harry also observed that more Junk has accumulated since his last visit. He asked the board what they are planning on doing about those violations.

Steve McGerty wondered if the board could empower Harry to issue tickets for non-compliance of zoning regulations. That ticket would act as a summons for a fine levy.

Tax Map # 408 Lot # 20 - Harry reported that he had a conversation, a while ago, with Richard Weaver concerning the condition (accumulation of junk) on his property and nothing has been cleaned up. He is now considering writing him a letter and putting a copy in his property record file. Considerable cleanup will be necessary to improve the lot. Harry will mention that there is a fine, per day, for failure to comply.

7:15 - Virginia GrandPre' - Trustees of Trust Funds interest situation - the board met with Ed Quinn and Virginia GrandPre' concerning the lack of investment income on trust funds. They have met with Colin Johnson of Banker's Life and Casualty in Concord (a financial advisor) who suggests that the town place the funds in a 5-year annuity to yield greater interest. John Halter suggested that the investment be as a lump sum, commingled sum to have greater flexibility on withdrawal needs. The Selectmen agreed to have the Trustees move the investments for better investment income.

7:30 - Linda Clark - asked what the status is on her security window replacement. No information has been received from the Contractor. She reported that there needs to be a sign on the front of the Town Hall to indicate the office dates and hours. Arnie Stymest displayed a proposed sign and the board, along with members in attendance reviewed the location on the front of the Hall. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter second to approve the sign and acknowledged that the Historical Society will pay for the sign and the installation of it, the board approved. Arnie also displayed a proposed sign for the Gould House indicating Town of Stoddard, NH Town Offices and a separate sign to hang below it noting the Nathan Gould House and 1833 (the date the building was relocated and rebuilt at it's present location). John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to accept the generous donation of

the sign, from the Historical Society also, the board approved.

Linda then reported that the front hall, where her customers meet to pay for work from the Town Clerk, is cold and needs heat. After discussion, it was decided that an electric, inferred heater, mounted on the wall, would be the best way to heat that area. Joe Sarcione will report the discussion to Chief LaMothe for verification that it is OK to code.

Linda asked about pest control in the building. She has placed dCON around and the board decided to continue that practice until construction is complete.

Linda then brought up that she feels there is a problem with her pay and she would like a correction, retroactive to July 1, up to the budget level. She asked that the board look into the situation and report back to her at the next meeting.

7:45 - Joe Sarcione - Joe turned in two new fire department member documents for approval. (Chief LaMothe was unable to attend this meeting) He also reported on a small fire that happened the other night. The Chief has ruled it accidental due to no evidence to discover the cause. There was a person walking up the road with a window that fits the sugar shack (building on fire). The sugar shack belongs to Meng Chi Tsen and Susan Frances. There were candles in evidence along the windowsill with a flare display indicating where the fire went. David Vaillancourt arrested that individual. Steve McGerty reported that a fire truck damaged the Church lawn during the incident and the Town's insurance carrier is reviewing the claim of \$2,750.00. Jim Coffey said there should be a settlement shortly so the Church is able to repair the damage to their basement flood control before the ground freezes.

Joe also reported that a dry hydrant has been installed at the fire pond on Pitcher Mountain Farm. The Fire Department plans to test it next week. When asked about more planned dry hydrants on the schedule, Joe indicated that Andorra Forest has done all the paperwork to have one installed at Cold Spring Pond next year. That is scheduled for September - October 2014 with the Fire Department and Joe Sarcione working with Paul Crosby for that install. Island Pond should be done the following year with Granite Lake and Route 9 to follow.

9:08 - Non-Public to review correspondence from Attorney Spear - John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to go into executive session - RSA 91A3 II e for threatened law

suit. John Halter - yes, Steve McGerty - yes, Arnie Stymest - yes, at 9:08 PM.

At 9:30 PM Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn from the executive session, the board approved. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to seal the minutes of the executive session indefinitely, the board agreed.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. 2013 - Property Tax Warrant - 2 copies
4. Application for use of Town Hall by the Stoddard Congregational Church on December 14, 2013.
5. October 28, Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

All the above were signed, except the minutes, which need an addition to them, concerning the cost to install the weathervane on the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Attorney Panciocco for Fred Ward - reviewed during the executive session.
2. Copy of letter sent to Mr. & Mrs. Hill regarding the trimming of trees to improve sight distance on Kings Highway.
3. Copy of letter sent to Mr. Dennis Carlisle regarding the condition of a tree along the boundary of his property and the Town's.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Job Estimate from Land Contractors, Inc. to repair a driveway damaged by the repaving of Kings Highway at 474, Kings Highway. The board discussed the problem with paving raising the level of the road to cause vehicles to scrape when exiting the Ken Hill property. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to approve the repairs to the driveway as per the estimate, the board approved.
2. Correspondence from the Trustees of Trust Funds suggesting investment options. See appointments.
3. Claim for Damages from Stoddard Congregation Church from Fire Truck. See above

under appointments.

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Steve McGerty reported that he had a call, on his wife's cell phone (number gotten when his home phone was called) concerning the color to paint the new cellar doors on the Gould House. Apparently the painter was told to paint them red to match the other doors on the building but then the Historical Society reported that they should be white. The painter repainted them at no cost.

Jim Coffey reported that the Tax Rate has been set at \$15.74/1000 and the tax bills will be due December 19, 2013.

Steve McGerty requested that the motion for the weathervane re-installation be added to the 10-28-2013 minutes.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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Above under advisement with no action taken.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 9:40 PM, the board agreed.

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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